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## **GOVERNOR CULVER ANNOUNCES AMTRAK IMPROVEMENTS TO STATIONS IN IOWA**

(DES MOINES) – Governor Chet Culver announced today that Amtrak has released a list of national capital projects to be funded by \$1.3 billion from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Iowa's passenger rail stations in six communities across the state will benefit from \$402,300 in funding, which will be used to bring them into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"Federal recovery dollars are helping to put Iowans to work while positioning our state for economic growth," said Governor Culver. "These investments are just one more sign that we are making the recovery work in Iowa, and helping to improve accessibility for Iowans and visitors with disabilities who utilize our passenger rail system."

Amtrak currently operates two long-distance trains through Iowa. During fiscal year 2008, Amtrak served 64,260 passengers (boardings and alightings) at Iowa's six station locations.

The list of projects was submitted to the Federal Railroad Administration. The investment package is broken down into two separate accounts: railroad and station capital projects, funded at \$845 million; and security and life safety projects, funded at \$450 million.

ARRA also included a nationwide appropriation of \$8 billion for high speed rail corridors and intercity passenger rail service through a competitive program. Iowa plans to apply for this funding to support expansion of passenger rail service in the state.

Further information on how contractors and suppliers can contact the railroad about bidding on projects that contain outsourcing elements will be available on [www.Amtrak.com](http://www.Amtrak.com) soon.

Project name	Estimate
Mobility First: New wheelchair lifts and enclosures in <b>Mount Pleasant</b> ; new pads for lifts and sidewalk to platform; improvements to crossing to platform; new sidewalk and curb cut from parking to platform; relocate accessible parking stalls to adjacent to platform	\$125,500
Mobility First: New wheelchair lifts and enclosures in <b>Osceola</b> ; improvements to crossing to platform; new sidewalk and curb cut from parking to platform; new accessible parking stalls	\$90,700
Mobility First: New wheelchair lift and enclosure in <b>Ottumwa</b> ; improvements to crossing to platform; new sidewalk and curb cut from parking to platform; paint markings for accessible parking stalls on existing paving	\$61,200
Mobility First: New wheelchair lifts and enclosures in <b>Burlington</b> ; improvements to crossing to platform	\$51,600
Mobility First: New wheelchair lifts and enclosures in <b>Fort Madison</b> ; improvements to crossing to platform; new relocated curb cut from parking to platform; paint markings for accessible parking stalls on existing paving	\$33,000
Mobility First: New wheelchair lifts and enclosures in <b>Creston</b> ; new pads for lifts and sidewalk to platform; new sidewalk and curb cut from parking to platform; paint markings for accessible parking stalls on existing paving	\$29,300
Static station signage program: Platform kiosk (small roofed structure with space for advertising and information notices) at one Iowa station	\$11,000

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